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WD Experts Study Medics Release Rate

Personal representatives of the Secretary of War have departed for Europe to make an exhaustive study on the release of Army doctors and dentists, Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General of the Army, has announced.

Colonel Bolling R. Powell, Jr., of the Legislative and Liaison Division, of the War Department General Staff, and Colonel Durward G. Hall, Chief of Personnel Service of The Surgeon General's Office, who have been appointed to serve as personal representatives of the Secretary of War, left Washington December 1 to visit all European areas where Army doctors and dentists are stationed.

Colonel Powell and Colonel Hall have been given full power by the Secretary of War to make a complete investigation of all pertinent fact relating to Army doctors and dentists so that all necessary steps can be taken to expedite the return of all doctors who can be spared.

A similar investigation was recently completed in the Pacific area.

They will determine the medical and dental strength now necessary for each overseas theater so that all surplus professional officers can be immediately shipped out and either be released or assigned to replace doctors who are eligible for release.

In addition to studying the needed strength of doctors in each area, the Secretary of War's representatives will also investigate if there has been any undue delay in returning doctors who have been declared surplus and if so, make recommendations for the immediate correction of such situations.

An investigation is also planned in this country of Service Forces, Ground Forces and Air Forces installations to make sure that medical and dental staffs are cut as rapidly as their work loads permit, and the discharge criteria are kept adjusted so that those doctors who are actually surplus will be released at once.

In the meantime, The Surgeon General's Office announced that doctors and dentists are continuing to be released as quickly as possible under the new release policy. Figures on the release of doctors at the end of the week of November 30th reached a total of 15,469, which is in excess of the 13,000 quota which had been set for the end of the year. For the same period 3,539 dentists had been separated from the service.

New Chiefs Named As Staff Men Leave

Discharges are beginning to hit McGuire with five key staff members heading for separation centers this past week.

Included in the group are: Lt. Colonel Robert C. L. Robertson, chief, neurosurgery section; Major Craig W. Muckle, chief, reconditioning service; Lt. Colonel Frederick R. Radcliffe, assistant chief, surgical service; Lt. Colonel Clinton Compere, chief, amputation surgery section; and Major William W. McKinney, assistant chief, neurosurgery section.

Following their departure, Colonel Duggins announced the following new assignments:

Major William J. Darrough, chief, reconditioning service, Major Charles L. Neil, chief, neurosurgery section, and Captain Alvin Hulnick, chief, amputation surgery section.

A Christmas Message

From the Commanding Officer

This Christmas McGuire General Hospital has much to be thankful for. Through the past twelve months we have cared for thousands of patients, and only a handful remain who were with us last Christmas. What better message can I bring you at this time than the thought that those who have departed have recovered from their incapacities and many of them are physically able to perform tasks which last Christmas appeared to most of them a remote dream?

Arthur Carney is starring with the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Andrew Jackson Nelson is studying law in Baltimore.

Tatsumi Yomamoto is helping to run a jewelry store in Hawaii.

James E. Jent and Cecil McGrew are farmers.

Carl Gibson has returned to his former job as theatre manager.

Hundreds of names of other patients could be listed. Many of them have returned to their former occupations; some are attempting new fields. But in every case, we, at McGuire, can be proud of the fact that we helped them back on their road of adjustment.

And to those patients who are still with us, may I say that McGuire General Hospital is pledged to their care, determined to add their names to the ever growing list of those patients who have been returned to normal and useful lives.

This is America's first Christmas devoid of war since 1941. In our celebration let us not forget that "peace on earth" was bitterly fought for. Let us not forget that "good will toward men" is more than a slogan for a Christmas greeting, but should mark our every thought the entire year round.

COLONEL P. E. DUGGINS,
Commanding Officer

Wartime Solemnity Past MGH Faces Merry Xmas

For those among the patients and duty personnel who will remain at McGuire, plans have been completed to make the first peacetime Yuletide at this medical installation a merry and memorable Christmas.

All agencies at the hospital have combined their resources in developing the spiritual side of the day in addition to preparing the customary seasonal festivities.

On Christmas Eve, a Midnight Mass will be held in the post chapel. High Mass will be sung by Chaplain Joseph J. Gredler, assisted by a group of singers under the direction of Miss Mary Kaufman who are members of the choir at the Catholic Theater Guild of Richmond.

The singing of carols by members of local school and church groups will be featured throughout the hospital. The singers will visit each of the wards and the Red Cross recreation hall. Cadet nurses at McGuire will serenade the patients on the paraplegic wards.

A special program of carol singing will begin in the Red Cross hall at 6:30 p.m. which will be followed by a movie at 7:30 p.m.

The War Dads of Richmond will tour the wards as Santa Claus on Christmas Eve and will return on Christmas morning to distribute gifts to the patients in cooperation with the Gray Ladies of the Red Cross.

On Christmas morning the Red Cross will serve coffee and refreshments to all between 9:00 and 11:00 o'clock. The PX will be closed and early morning coffee drinkers will not have the usual letdown by being deprived of their morning ritual.

Later in the day, there will be an open house at the Red Cross recreation hall in which Richmond girls will act as hostesses while distributing more refreshments to the

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MGH Patients Receive Free Phone Calls Home

The tradition of spending Christmas at home will be kept intact this year, even for the 500 patients here who have been unable to leave the hospital on holiday furloughs.

For three minutes, homes and patients will be reunited this Yuletide when free telephone calls will be made available to the soldiers who could not spend the holidays with their families.

This afternoon cards will be distributed throughout the hospital by members of the McGuire band. Ward officers will receive a sufficient number of cards for each of the men under their care.

Space has been provided on the backs of the cards for information necessary toward expediting the smooth flow of the telephone calls.

According to H. R. Sutton, man-

ager of the telephone exchange at McGuire, the following information is sought: the location and phone number of the place to be called; the name of the party to be reached and the ward number of the patient desiring to place the call.

Where there is no phone, the location of the nearest phone must be given. Patients unable to reach their families by telephone will be permitted to telegraph them at no expense.

All cards must reach the telephone exchange in the arcade no later than Monday noon. Calls being made to certain areas will be grouped and priorities will be established based on the order in which the cards are received at the exchange.

Calls may be placed from the wards or the arcade exchange. Patients expecting calls are requested to keep ward officers or telephone exchange personnel informed as to their whereabouts.

A three-minute limit will be imposed on all calls and patients will have to defray at their own expense calls exceeding that period of time.

The Richmond Times-Leader telephone fund, raised prior to the arrival of the first patients at McGuire in July, 1944, by local citizens, will pay for the calls made here over the holidays. There is approximately \$8,000 left in the fund.

Since the beginning of the plan, patients at McGuire have called such far-off places as Hawaii and Porto Rico as well as each of the 48 states.

Two Nisei patients, Waichi Hiraoka of ward 16-F and George T. Mukai of ward 6, are expected to call their homes in Hawaii from the hospital for Christmas.

Special Broadcast To Originate Here

A special broadcast for the paraplegic patients here will originate from the dining room of building 302 at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

The radio show, on the air for the past five years, presents a group of 80 talented children from Richmond and vicinity who sing Christmas carols. It will emanate from McGuire for the first time this year.

A novelty note will be struck during the broadcast when Santa Claus will visit each of the paraplegics and without formal introduction greet the men by name while telling them their own hometown. After a tour of the paraplegic wards old Santa will repeat the stunt in each of the hospital's ward.

25 paraplegics will attend the broadcast and those confined to their beds will be visited by members of the radio show.

Study Center Moves

In an effort to move to a more central location, the study center has shifted its books, accreditation service, tutors and tests to a new home in building 206, opposite X-ray.



DOUBLE CLAUS—When this picture of Arthur Carney was made at McGuire last Christmas, the twin visitation from Santa Claus must have done wonders for the soldier patient. This year Carney is out of the hospital, out of the Army, and is currently working as a staff member and artist of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

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Writer's Cramp

Four years ago this country was confronted with the bleakest Christmas it had ever faced. Christmas came then fifteen days after we had been humbled in a way we had never experienced.

It was while negotiations for peace were being conducted that we were attacked by a country whose emissaries were still in Washington, ostensibly seeking to avoid war.

When the news came over the air, some time during the early afternoon, that Pearl Harbor had been bombed, a nation of radio listeners became less excited about it than they had only a few months previous when Orson Wells had us all exterminated by the men from Mars.

We remember the stunned disbelief that seemed to be the general reaction to the surprise attack. At the time, we were in New York City in front of Carnegie Hall on 57th Street. Inside, the New York Philharmonic was giving its usual Sunday afternoon program. On the outside, in a row on either side of the street, were the sleek black limousines in which uniformed chauffeurs and footmen sat in boredom while waiting for their employers.

It was a gloomy afternoon, the kind of day that usually heralds a snowfall. The cold was penetrating and we recall stamping our feet to keep them warm.

In a little while, one of the chauffeurs emerged from a car and walked over, in no particular hurry, to the liveried doorman whose job it was to open the portals of the hall for its musical patrons.

They nodded to each other in greeting. We stood by watching and wondering idly about our chances of attaining the economic perch which involved such useless luxuries as uniformed chauffeurs, footmen and doormen. At that time, we were very impressionable.

The driver spoke first. "They just bombed Pearl Harbor," he said. "It just came over the air. The Japs did it."

"Where in the hell is Pearl Harbor?" the doorman wanted to know. That one puzzled us, too. Pearl Harbor. We couldn't associate anything with that place. It sounded as though it might be in Java.

"It's in Hawaii," said the chauffeur with the authority of a man who had just heard it himself for the first time over the radio.

Hawaii. Hey, that's us! That's United States! By God, this is war and we're in it!

It was war. And we were in it.

That Christmas, New York churches were jammed. The traditional spirit of the season seemed to strike a false note. No one could speak of "peace on earth, good will toward all men" and still retain conviction.

Holy men in the places of prayer were somber. They knew, as did their parishioners, that this would be a terrible war. And as the shadow of the cross fell across the pulpits throughout the nation, the priests and preachers spoke their message as they had for two thousand years. As never before the members of the congregations found themselves less able to draw comfort or sustenance from these sermons.

That year, and for the three Christmases that followed, the customary festivities were tempered by prayers for peace and the safety of loved ones threatened by danger.

Now, on this Christmas Day of 1945, we turn again to the East and pray for the perpetuation of peace—a peace that came to us this year with almost the same shocking surprise as the news of our entry into the war.

Let us supplement our desire for peace with more than prayer. Let us reevaluate the lessons of Christ and learn to live with our brothers—wherever they may be. Let us renounce personal and national greed for the selflessness that is a requisite for living in harmony with our neighbors. Let us be strong in our convictions and let us be true to ourselves.

For along that path is peace.

Our own thought for Christmas is the little story we read last week in a news magazine.

In the world's largest city toward the middle of the twentieth century after Christ, five years after the Great Blitz, in the fifth month of the Atomic Age, an eight-year-old boy was asked what he wanted to be when he grew up. Said London's child:

"Alive."

A Merry Christmas to all of you!

Bars and Stripes

To Staff Sergeant:
Sgt. Marie E. Wallace

To Sergeant:
T-5 Samuel Andrus
T-5 Samuel A. Ceravolo
T-5 Laura L. Zoeller

To Technician Fourth Grade:
Cpl. Ralph E. Phillips, Jr.
T-5 Evelyn Moses
T-5 Dorothy B. Sjoquist
T-5 Martha I. Tully

To Technician Fifth Grade:
Pfc. Benjamin F. Brasselle
Pfc. Morton L. Minnigh
Pfc. Herbert I. Osgood
Pfc. Rudolph A. Walde
Pvt. Sanford E. Mason

LIBRARY NOTES

By Suzanne McLaurin Connell

With Christmas almost on our doorstep and so soon to be on our hearthstone, it is natural that our thoughts turn to the subject of Christmas reading.

Along with these interesting thoughts a certain delightful book makes its timely appearance upon the scene. It is "The Fireside Book of Christmas Stories," edited by Edward Wagenknecht and beautifully illustrated by Wallace Morgan.

This book was designed to charm the reader and to warm the cockles of his heart. It is beautiful in appearance and content with its bright red and gold cover, pleasing illustrations and excellent stories. It is an ideal book to read by the fireside during the days just before Christmas!

In the excellent introduction, the editor says, "I have tried to bring together as many of the best Christmas stories as I could manage to crown between a single pair of covers." There can be no doubt about his success in attaining this purpose!

"The Fireside Book" is divided into four parts: Christmas is Christ; Christmas is Santa Claus; Christmas is Dickens; and Christmas is Home. Of course, Christmas means all of these delightful things to us, and it is a thrilling experience to find our own feelings expressed in these stories. We find the noble and austere beauty of the Nativity; the heartwarming legend of Santa Claus which brightened our childhood and the memory of which lasts for a lifetime; the holly, yule log, plum pudding tradition of an old English Christmas; and the familiar American home and hearth theme which means so much to all of us.

For a Merry Christmas, add "The Fireside Book of Christmas Stories" to your list of reading for Christmas time!

Editor's Note

To those readers who miss the GI Shavings column, the busy little beavers who write the drool are taking a well-earned rest (it says here) and will be back with you after New Year's.

This is cutting "shavings" pretty thin.

MOVIES

POST THEATRE

Week of Friday, December 21. Show for patients at 6:15 p.m.; for duty personnel at 8:15 p.m., daily. Matinee every Sunday at 2 p.m.

FRIDAY—"The Daltons Ride Again," with Allen Curtis, Kent Taylor, Martha O'Driscoll.

SATURDAY—"Danger Signal," with Faye Emerson, Zachary Scott.

SUNDAY & MONDAY—"Getting Gertie's Garter," with Dennis O'Keefe, Marie McDonald.

TUESDAY—Double Feature: "Riverboat Rhythm," with Leon Errol, Frankie Carle; "Danny Boy," with Robert "Buzz" Henry, Ralph Lewis. Second showing starts at 8:30.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY—"The Bells of Saint Mary," with Bing Crosby, Ingrid Bergman. Second showing starts at 8:30.

FRIDAY—"People Are Funny," with Jack Haley, Rudy Vallee, Helen Walker.

Chattanooga—A pedestrian, eating peanuts, dropped some on the sidewalk, slipped on them, accidentally kicked a cop while skidding, broke his leg when he fell. Now he's suing the cop for false arrest and the city for damages.

Christmas Greetings from the Chaplains

Christmas

"IN THE BEGINNING was the Word, and the Word was with God; and the Word was God. . . . And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." (John 1)

At this sacred pronouncement millions will bend the knees this Christmas-tide. Paradoxically, bending the knee will raise them up—above themselves, above the tears of a war-torn world, into the realm of truth and light, where is tasted the peace which the world cannot give or take away. It will be their triumph over the "arrows of outrageous fortune."

WHAT IS "outrageous fortune" in the light of the Saviour's crib? A figment of our imagination. Sorrow does not spring out of the earth like a weed, hap-hazard, without cause. It comes from the wills of men. Wills that are not good.

BUT GOD IS in His heaven, even though all is not well on earth. His hand may be heavy upon us. But it is the hand of the loving Father who gave us His Son. Not a hair will fall from our head without His permission. In Him is our hope.

THE WORLD will continue its weary way long after our poor flesh is mixed with the elements. But the Light which comes from the Virgin and her Child will shine on. And nowhere except in its saving ray will ever be the hope of true civilization, happiness and Peace.

CHAPLAIN J. J. GREDLER.

Peace On Earth!

Joy to the world! Immanuel,—God with us! Glory to God in the highest! On earth, Peace! So the great event is made known. Thus the chasm between man and God is bridged and the long march toward goodwill among men is begun.

Christmas is ever so much more than a holiday. Much that takes place during this season is but window dressings compared to the great Gift. True enough, the coming of the great Gift has set going on earth a great annual season of giving. Back of it is a profound appreciation of the fact that God so loved that He gave.

The coming of the Messiah, preceded by sure prophecy and accompanied by rejoicing in heaven and on earth, gives assurance of the greatest good possible to man. More and more it is being recognized that the government is upon His shoulder and that it is increasing throughout the world. He stands alone in being able to speak the word of life for the world.

We have entered upon a period of peace. Now to make the peace lasting, permanent if possible. This can be so only if that peace is established on the principles of "The Prince of Peace".

CHAPLAIN O. D. SWANK.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

from THE WOLF & C.N.S.

From Twills to Tweeds; or the Facts of Life for New Civvies

By Camp Newspaper Service

When Joe Dough walked off the reservation at the separation center at Camp Crud, Nebraska, he had an honorable discharge in his hand, a discharge emblem sewn on the outside of his blouse, 50 bucks in cash in his pocket and a check for \$225 (including back pay, muster out pay and soldier savings) in his wallet. He was out of the Army. The world was his oyster. He felt good.



What Joe didn't dig until he was half way home was the fact that although he was out of the Army, he remained knee-deep in chicken. He discovered he couldn't shake off military life as soon as he had hoped.

In the first place, Joe found he must report within 10 days of his discharge to his selective service board. Here he received a new draft classification as well as advice and assistance on employment opportunities in his neighborhood.

Next, Joe learned to his woe that he was over his head in paper work. In applying for veteran benefits, he discovered, he had to have handy his serial number, discharge papers, pension "C" number, draft classification, GI insurance policies, social security card, birth certificate and marriage certificate. Without these he's lost.



Finally, Joe discovered that there's a lot about the Army and the aid it gives veterans that he had never heard about. For instance:

Mustering-Out Pay

If a vet leaves the armed services with an honorable discharge, he will be handed \$100 mustering-out pay. He receives an additional \$100 a month later if he had been in the service over 60 days. Vets who have served overseas or in Alaska receive third \$100 the following month. All servicemen are entitled to 5 cents a mile for transportation from the place of discharge to the place of their enlistment, and to save enlisted men from embarrassment they're given uniforms, socks, shoes, and underclothes to wear home. A service emblem completes the dischargee's outfit.

Insurance

Former servicemen who want to keep their National Service Life Insurance policies should check through their discharge papers to find out when the next premium is due, and before that date send a check or money order to Collections Sub-division, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C., and make it payable to the Treasurer of the United States. Vets wishing to reduce the amount of their insurance should write the VA to that effect. However, the amount of insurance must be a multiple of \$500, and the minimum is \$1000.

Since National Service Life Insurance is presently limited to an 8-year term, a policyholder may want to convert before that period expires to government ordinary life, 20-payment life, or 30-payment life. This can be done by filling out VA Form 1535. The new policy will have a cash value after a year and vets may borrow on it if necessary,

but conversion will sharply increase premium costs.

All persons who arranged to postpone payment on private insurance when they entered the service must bring their payments up-to-date within 2 years after discharge, if they wish to continue the insurance. If in a position to do so, ex-servicemen may want to keep both NSLI and private insurance.

Education

Want to make a few post-war improvements on your mental faculties? One of the best features in the G.I. Bill of Rights is its educational provisions; vets who have been in active duty 90 days or more, regardless of their age at time of enlistment, are eligible for a year in the classroom, or its part-time equivalent, all expenses paid. The VA pays tuition fees, cost of supplies and books, up to \$500 a school year, and \$50 monthly living expenses for an unmarried person. A wife, husband, or other dependent rates an additional \$25. The same set-up is available to vets who want to learn a trade. If that desire for knowledge still continues after the first year, students can pore over the life of Beethoven or analyze the types of



sanitary plumbing for an additional period up to 3 years, dependent upon the number of years in service, provided they have a good scholastic record and were under 25 years of age when they entered service. Students over 25, to get additional years, must be able to show that their training or education was interrupted by their entry into military service. Prospective students must meet the academic requirements of the school decided upon. The school must also be accredited. But that still leaves a wide-open field of public or private elementary or secondary schools, business schools, scientific and technical institutions, vocational and professional schools, junior colleges, normal schools and teachers colleges, and conventional colleges and universities. Some will give credit for certain types of military experience as well as Army correspondence courses, which should please school-bound GIs.

Disabled vets unable to work at their old jobs because of a service-connected vocational handicap are almost sure bets to be eligible for the Vocational Rehabilitation program. To be eligible, a person must have a discharge other than dishonorable, and must be entitled to a pension. He can go to school 4 years without even charge for transportation to and from school, and will receive a pension of \$92 a month if single, \$103.50 if married, plus \$5.75 for each dependent child, and \$11.50 for each dependent parent.

Loans

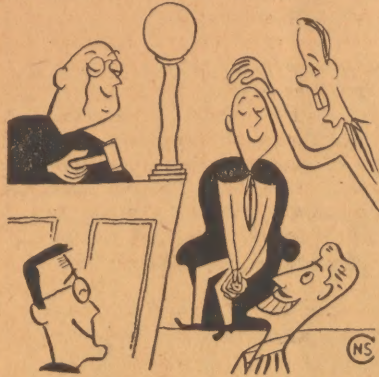
Under the GI Bill of Rights, an ex-serviceman can't get a loan directly from the government. The government, however, will guarantee payment of one half of a loan, but will not guarantee more than \$2000, regardless of the total amount of the loan. The loan may be made by any bank, corporation, firm or individual, and may be used for a house, farm or business, subject to the approval of the Administration. VA loan guarantees may also be used in connection with borrowing money through one of the government lending agencies. Loans guaranteed by the administration bear interest of not more than 4% a year and must be paid up within 20 years. Interest on the part guaranteed by the VA will be paid by the government for the first year.

Application for this benefit—open to veterans with at least 90 days active duty or with a service-connected disability—must be made within 2 years after discharge from

service or 2 years after the end of the war, whichever is later, but in no event more than 5 years after the end of the war.

Debts, Legal Matters

The Soldiers' and Sailors Civil Relief Act protects servicemen with respect to lawsuits and contracts, foreclosures and repossession, seiz-



ure and family eviction. Mustering-out pay, death gratuities, or insurance payments cannot be claimed by creditors or attached by the court. Although most lawsuits against servicemen are postponed until 6 months after their discharge, if a judgment was rendered against a serviceman while he was in service, he can reopen the case anytime within 90 days after leaving the service, provided he can show that his absence hurt his case. Vets have 6 months in which to apply to the court to postpone payment of debts, and must show that their time in service has seriously interfered with their ability to pay.

Your Old Job

A vet who wants to plunge back into the old grind can have his pre-war job back, provided (1) he has an honorable discharge, (2) the job was not a temporary one, (3) he is still qualified for the job and is not now physically handicapped, and (4) the employer's situation has not changed to such a degree that it is "impossible or unreasonable" for him to rehire the veteran. To get his former job back, a vet must apply for it within 90 days after discharge or release from hospitalization, if this falls within one year after discharge.

Finding a New Job

Representatives of the United States Employment Service are stationed at most Army and Navy Separation Centers, and at military hospitals. The USES, under the GI Bill of Rights, has the responsibility for counseling and placement of veterans, and in each of its 1500 offices has lists of available jobs in each locality. For disabled veterans, the USES analyzes jobs for specific physical requirements and working conditions.

Civil Service

"Points" will be important to a GI after he is discharged, too. To be eligible for Civil Service, it is necessary to take and pass a Civil Service examination—and a veteran gets 5 extra points added to his grade, as bonus. Disabled vets receive 10 points.

Since Civil Service applicants are placed on a list from which they are hired in order of grade the extra points mean that veterans go higher on the list. And when vets and non-vets receive the same score, the job goes to those who have been in the armed forces. In all Civil Service jobs, except scientific and

professional jobs where the starting salary is over \$3000, disabled vets who pass the examination automatically find their names right at the top of the list.

Ex-servicemen who want to try out for the Civil Service can get the dope on exams at any first or second class post office in U. S. Civil Service Commission branch, and while there can get an application blank, Civil Service Preference Form 14.

Unemployment Insurance

If, in spite of everything, a veteran can't find a job, he is entitled to an unemployment allowance. This means that, if totally unemployed, he can draw \$20 a week. To draw the allowance, the vet must have been in the armed services 90 days or more, or have been discharged for a service-incurred disability. If he served for just the 90 day period, he can receive unemployment payments for a period up to 24 weeks, for each additional month of service, he can receive an additional 4 weeks of unemployment allowance, up to the maximum of 52 weeks. Proportionate amounts will be paid those persons who are "partially employed." "Partially employed," so far as the VA is concerned, means making less than \$23 a week, and the difference between what the vet earns and \$23 is the amount of the allowance which he will receive. Self-employed persons who net less than \$100 a month can also draw the difference in unemployment payments.

A few catches exist in the regulations. For instance, vets who are drawing a living allowance in connection with education or vocational rehabilitation are ineligible. So are those persons who leave "suitable" work without good cause, or are fired because of misconduct. Vets who apply for the payments must be physically able to work, and payments may be discontinued if they don't accept a "suitable" job which has been offered them.

Application for this allowance usually can be made at the nearest United States Employment Service office, on VA Form No. 1389.

Vets may be eligible for state employment insurance, and in some cases may be able to draw this instead of the federal allowance. Local offices of the USES can supply information on this, too.

Medical and Hospital Care

Free hospitalization is available at a Veterans Hospital or medical center for any vet with a service-connected disability. In cases of



emergency, he can get home treatment, or if there is no VA hospital in his community, he can get treatment for a service-connected disability at a private hospital, upon application by telephone or telegraph to the nearest VA regional office.

All veterans, whether or not their injuries or ailments are service-connected, can get free hospitalization—if they can't afford to pay for it themselves, and if there is available hospital space.

Applications for medical, hospital, or home care should be made on VA Form P-10, and should be sent to the VA regional office or hospital. In addition to the general hospitals, the VA maintains medical and diagnostic centers, neuropsychiatric and tuberculosis hospitals, and 10 veterans' homes, where vets disabled by injury, old age, or illness may live.

Disability Pensions

The VA pays off on 2 types of disability pensions—the first for disabilities resulting from injuries or disease received while in service in line of duty, and the second for permanently and totally disabled vets whose injuries are not service-connected.

For the first type, payments range from \$11.50 a month for a 10% disability to \$115 for a 100% disability. More serious disabilities rate special pensions; but the maximum is \$265, and is given for blindness with the loss of 2 limbs. According to Public Law 182, just passed, additional allowances up to \$35 above pension rates are available to take care of "in between cases"—men who should qualify for a larger pension than can be given under the statutory provisions.

Vets who qualify for the second type of pension receive a straight \$50 a month, which is increased to 60 after veterans have been on the rolls 10 consecutive years, or have reached the age of 65.

Death Benefits

If a soldier dies before discharge from the armed forces, his next of kin receives a cash payment from the government equal to 6 months of the soldier's pay. If the soldier held National Service Life Insurance, the beneficiary will of course receive regular monthly payments, the amount depending upon the quantity of insurance and the age of the beneficiary.

A death pension, the most important death benefit, is paid to families of servicemen or vets who die from disease or injuries incurred in service in line of duty. A widow with no dependent children receives \$50 a month, with one dependent child \$65, and for each additional child \$13. If the mother is dead, a dependent child will receive \$25 monthly, and 2 dependent children \$38. Each additional child will receive \$10. A dependent mother or father is eligible to receive \$45, and when both are dependent the total is upped to \$50.

As far as burial arrangements are concerned a vet may be buried in one of the National Cemeteries or in a VA Cemetery, and so may certain family members. Also, veterans are eligible for up to \$100 burial expenses.

Where To Go for Help

Many agencies have set up bureaus to help returning servicemen. Most communities have a veterans' information center of some kind.



For info on educational, borrowing, or pension rights, vets can apply directly to the nearest branch of the VA. The Red Cross or one of the veterans' organizations can also file claims.

The Reemployment Committee-man at the vet's selective service board can help him return to his old job, and for new jobs he can apply to the United States Employment Service.

Help of various types can also be had from the Red Cross, the YMCA and YWCA, Travelers Aid, USO, Chamber of Commerce, businessmen's groups, various unions, and religious organizations.

What To Do?

Where you are going to find a job depends on many factors, among them being what you are trained to do, what industries offer the best prospects, and what areas have the brightest outlook.

Soldiers would do well to list on a sheet of paper their education, pre-war experience, hobbies, skills acquired in the Army, USAFI courses, and any other pertinent information. This list might be presented to the I&E officer, an appropriate veterans' counselor, or any qualified officer or EM who conceivably might be of help. If a man would like to open a haberdashery, he would do well to visit several local ones, if any, and ask the proprietor his advice: how much experience is necessary; what hours he works; what capital is required; what income might be expected; and so on. A soldier overseas could—and should—write General Electric, for example, if he would like to become a dealer in electrical appliances, stating his qualifications and requesting information.

The important thing is for men to take steps NOW to find their niche, and not wait until they are discharged.





OPA Cautions Vets On Used Car Deals

If you're buying a used car, don't get stuck by unscrupulous dealers, as many a vet has. There's no need to be gypped, for the OPA (Office of Price Administration) has rigorously controlled prices, not only to prevent inflation, but to prevent those who need cars now from being victimized.

Since all used vehicles have ceiling prices, whether purchased from a dealer or private owner, it is illegal to sell for more, though there is no bar to selling for less. Prices are based on make, year model, and body type.

A seller may charge the "as is" price calculated from those four factors, or a "warranty" price usually 25 per cent higher. In the latter case, the dealer must certify in writing that he will pay half the normal cost for repairs or replacements to keep the car in good operating condition for 30 days or 1000 miles, whichever comes first.

If the car has a radio, \$30 may be added, and \$10 may be added for a heater. If you want to pay cash, the seller may not require time payments, nor can he make you finance the purchase through any particular finance company.

You cannot be required to trade in a car to buy another, but if you do, the dealer must give you "reasonable value" for it. To determine reasonable value, get bids from other dealers.

Before making a purchase, check with your local OPA Price Control Board for ceiling prices.

If you have already bought a car, and think you have been overcharged, make the same check. The OPA will get you a refund if you were bilked. It got such refunds for 4 vets at one of its offices in one day recently.

Tears in Their Beers

Leo Mundly, an Indianapolis tavern keeper, knows how to stop a fight in his pub. Whenever one starts, he merely opens a tear gas jet behind the bar.

More About Christmas Plans

patients. Open House will be held between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.

The Army will contribute its share of the day's festivities by serving an elaborate meal in the mess hall. The menu as announced by Capt. Irving Gellman, director of the mess and dietetics division, is as follows:

Christmas Menu

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| Shrimp Cocktail | Fruit Juice |
| Roast Young Turkey | |
| Sage Dressing | Giblet Gravy |
| Cranberry Sauce in Orange Shells | |
| Snowflake Potatoes | Buttered Corn |
| Candied Sweet Potatoes | |
| Buttered French Green Beans | |
| Fruit Salad Glace | |
| Celery Hearts | |
| Pickles | Olives |
| Parker House Rolls | Cheese Biscuits |
| Fruit | Ice Cream |
| Coffee | Nuts |
| | Milk |

Religious programs on Christmas day include Protestant services with special music at the post chapel. These services will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. Two Christmas Day Masses will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and Confessions will be held continuously during the afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 o'clock and again, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Joe Brown's gang from WRVA will stage a broadcast and Christmas party on Tuesday night. In the wards on Christmas night and movies will be shown to patients not able to visit an entertainment staged in the recreation hall by the USO-JWB of Richmond.

The Red Cross has provided each of the wards with trees and has decorated each of the hospital's mess halls with the traditional trimmings.

All in all, it looks like a Merry Christmas!

Quote of the Week

San Francisco—Adventurous Ronny Rittger, 10, and his pal Ed Perrier, 4, skipped home one day, lived for a week atop a movie theater. "It was hell," said worldly Ronny.

Testimonial Text Released by Army

Following the recent announcement that a testimonial of appreciation is to be presented to all those who served honorably in the nation's armed forces, the Army and Navy revealed the contents of the scroll.

The testimonial says:

"To you who answered the call of your country and served in its armed forces to bring about the total defeat of the enemy, I extend the heartfelt thanks of a grateful Nation. As one of the Nation's finest, you undertook the most severe task one can be called up to perform. Because you demonstrated the fortitude, resourcefulness and calm judgment necessary to carry out that task, we now look to you for leadership and example in further exalting our country in peace."

Sydney Snaps Streak As Generals Blow Game

By LT. CHRIS J. EDMONDS

A seven-game winning streak was snapped rudely for the McGuire Generals Tuesday night when a scrappy little Hampden-Sydney College basketball team administered a decisive 56-38 trouncing before a near-capacity crowd at the local gymnasium.

The collegians, rated one of the best of the smaller schools in Virginia, jumped off to an early lead, and the issue was never in doubt. The Generals made a fight of it during the first quarter, trailing by only 9-13 as the period ended, but wilted in the second frame and were behind by 10 points, 35-25, at the half. The roof fell in during the third quarter, with Hampden-Sydney scoring 12 points while holding McGuire to 5, and the Death Valley boys coasted through the final canto.

Charley Wolf, shifted from center to guard by Coach Al Bianco, was high scorer for the night with 18 points on eight baskets and a pair of free throws. Balas and Blanton, a pair of diminutive guards, paced the collegians' attack with 32 points between them on Balas' 17 markers and Blanton's 15.

Hampden-Sydney, having probably its best night of the year, hit an amazingly high percentage of shots from the field. Blanton was particularly effective with a set shot from well beyond the free-throw circle, sinking five buckets in seven attempts during the first half. Balas, using a hook shot, was held scoreless during the first period by the Generals' zone defense, but whistled 12 points through the nets in the second quarter.

The Generals, although possessing a distinct height advantage, were never in the ball game during the second half. Admittedly suffering an off night, the entire team looked almost pathetic at times, particularly under the baskets and on attempts to work the ball in for close shots. Absence of Al Rinaldi, high-scoring forward, sidelined by illness, was an additional handicap.

Failure to hit on the free-throw line also cost the Generals. The team missed 14 free tosses while connecting on only 6.

Tuesday's sound pasting was the Generals' first loss in eight starts and followed a convincing 67-34 win over Union Theological Seminary on Monday night.

Russ Cromwell, lanky center, was high man for the Generals on Monday night, collecting 20 points on nine baskets and a pair of charity tosses. Wolf had 15 on seven and one.

The Generals looked fairly impressive in notching their seventh victory and gave Coach Bianco an opportunity to clear the bench of reserves after the team had piled up a 29-8 lead at the half.

The Christmas holiday put a halt to hardwood activities until January 4 and 5, when the Generals take a two-day road trip during which they meet Du Pont and Woodrow Wilson General Hospital. The next home game is slated for

January 11, with the 3386th SCU as the opponent.

McGUIRE (67)

	f.g.	f.t.	p.f.	t.p.
Wolf, f.	7	1	0	15
Feltman, f.	1	0	2	2
Cromwell, c.	9	2	0	20
Farris, g.	2	0	2	4
Rhodes, g.	1	2	1	4
Conway, f.	2	0	0	2
Jackson, g.	1	0	0	2
Hoffman, g.	1	0	1	2
Current, f.	1	0	0	2
Rabin, f.	4	0	2	8
Kraft, g.	0	0	1	0
Burman, g.	2	0	1	4

Totals31 5 10 67

U. T. S. (34)

	f.g.	f.t.	p.f.	t.p.
Goodman, f.	3	3	1	9
Ford, f.	1	0	0	2
Lowry, c.	4	5	1	13
Garbett, g.	3	2	0	8
Wells, g.	0	0	1	0
Fulton, f.	1	0	3	2
Morrow, g.	0	0	1	0

Totals12 10 7 34

Half-time score: McGuire, 29; U. T. S., 8. Free throws missed—Wolf, Feltman, Rhodes, Cromwell, Goodman (2), Lowry, Wells.

McGUIRE (38)

	f.g.	f.t.	p.f.	t.p.
Rhodes, f.	0	1	1	1
Rabin, f.	0	0	2	0
Cromwell, c.	2	0	0	4
Farris, g.	4	1	3	9
Wolf, g.	8	2	4	18
Conway, f.	1	0	1	2
Current, f.	0	0	1	0
Feltman, g.	1	2	1	4
Grace, g.	0	0	0	0

Totals16 6 13 38

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY (56)

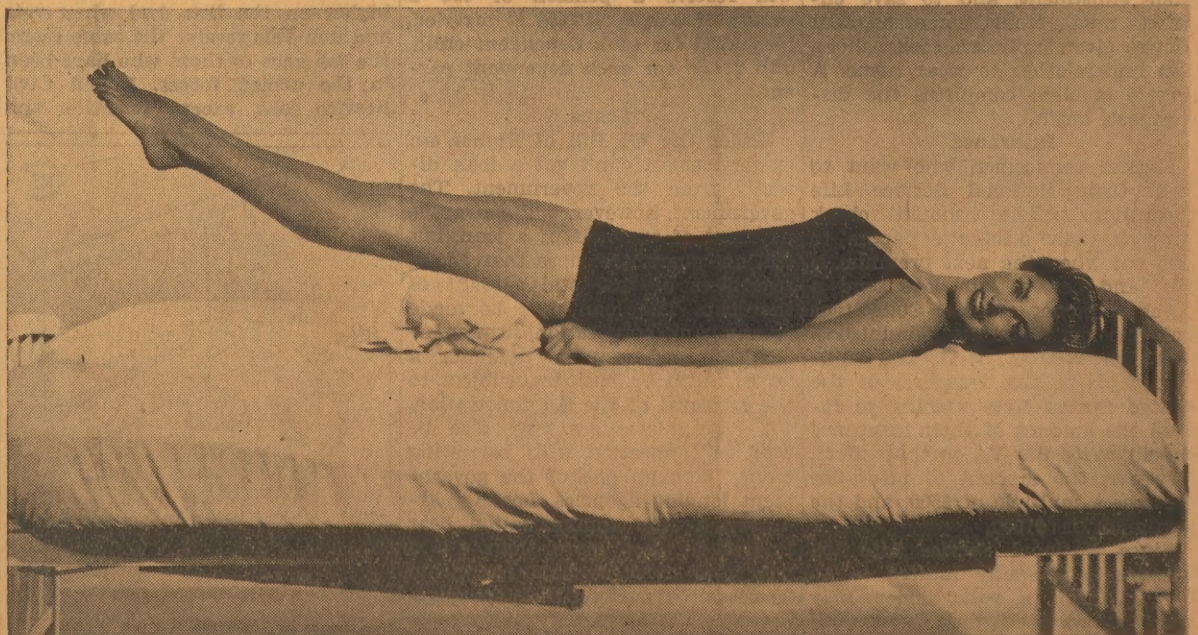
	f.g.	f.t.	p.f.	t.p.
Darden, f.	1	3	1	5
Cook, J., f.	2	0	1	4
Greenland, c.	1	3	3	5
Balas, g.	7	3	3	17
Blanton, g.	7	1	4	15
Cook, W., f.	3	0	3	6
Kosten, g.	2	0	0	4

Totals23 10 15 56

Half-time score: Hampden-Sydney, 35; McGuire, 25. Free throws missed—Rhodes (4), Rabin (2), Wolf (6), Conway, Feltman, J. Cook, Greenland (3), Balas (3), Kosten.

Hi'ya, Sarge!

Los Angeles—Ex-GI Bill Smith, a cop, was patrolling his beat in downtown Los Angeles when he saw a motorist knock off a pedestrian. A moment later Cop Smith was not unpleasantly surprised to discover that the errant driver was his old top kick.



LEG STRETCHER—We don't know exactly just how this fits in with local Christmas activities or even with the reconditioning department's series of illustrated nip-ups, but here we have Esther Williams making with the "leg stretcher." This exercise, according to the TM, is done to a cadence described as moderate to slow and is composed of four movements, all accomplished while in a horizontal position. Music, maestro, please.